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## Tonto National Forest to Lift Fire Restrictions

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**PHOENIX, July 26, 2016—For Immediate Release.** Campfire and smoking restrictions on the Tonto National Forest will be lifted, effective at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 2016.

The fire restrictions, which covered the entire forest, are no longer needed because fire danger has been reduced by increased humidity levels caused by the monsoon season.

Campfires, target shooting, and smoking are now allowed throughout the forest, however, we ask you to continue to do your part to prevent wildfires" said Tonto National Forest Fire Staff Don Nunley. Make sure your campfire is completely out. If it is too hot to touch, it is too hot to leave. Check to see that safety chains are not dragging on the road. Following these simple tips could help prevent a spark, which could mean one less wildfire."

Forest Supervisor Neil Bosworth extended special thanks to the visiting public during the fire restrictions which began in June. "We want to thank everyone for their compliance while fire restrictions were in effect on the Tonto National Forest."

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